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A news digest for U.S. forces serving overseas

Navy tests device to find overboard sailors

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Stars and Stripes

Navy ships are testing a device that could speed up the recovery of sailors who fall overboard.

The USS Constellation is one of 20 ships testing the Man Overboard Indicator, an electronic beacon attached to sailors whose jobs put them most at risk.

The Navy rushed to outfit the aircraft carrier with 1,200 devices before it deployed Nov. 2.

An airman apprentice fell off the carrier a few weeks earlier and floated in the Pacific for more than seven hours. He survived, but his rescue time could have been faster with a device like MOBI, said Chuck Collins, director of operations for BriarTek Inc., a company that developed the product for the Navy.

"It will replace the passive mode of manual detection through the exclusive use of lookouts," Collins said in a phone interview from Alexandria, Va.

When a sailor falls overboard, rescuers must rely on sight, scanning the sea for dye from a survival pack, a strobe light flash or the reflective tape on a life jacket.

The MOBI system relies on technology.

Also known as Overboard Recovery Communication Apparatus, it has three components: a plastic transmitter, a data receiver and a direction finder.

The transmitter, a little larger than a pager and powered by a 9-volt battery, is tucked inside a sailor's float coat. Its

beacon activates within three seconds of being submerged in salt water.

A data receiver on the bridge picks up the signal and emits an alarm. Each transmitter has a unique ID. The signal is also picked up by the direction finder — usually on the bridge and on a recovery boat.

Collins said the Navy bought about 3,000 transmitters, spending around \$1.5 million for the systems so far. He said the eventual cost will be about \$250 per sailor. The transmitters are about \$200, the data receiver is \$2,600 and the direction finder is \$3,500. To outfit the entire fleet, the cost would be up to \$40 million, he said.

Out of 383,938 active-duty sailors in the Navy, seven fell overboard in the past year and three of those sailors died, according to the Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Va., in a report in the *Virginian-Pilot* newspaper. Fatalities have remained in single digits annually since 1995, the newspaper reported.

The George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Constellation battle groups and ships in two amphibious ready groups are trying out the devices. One submarine, the USS Oklahoma City, has 30 transmitters on board.

Don Neuman, MOBI program manager at Naval Sea Systems Command, said officials will decide early next year whether to install the devices fleetwide.

The system has a range of two miles from a ship. Collins said search-and-rescue aircraft have found the beacon more than 20 miles away.

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Looming postal deadline



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Airman 1st Class Jessica Earl, right, helps Capt. Debbie Kent with a package Tuesday at the postal annex at Aviano Air Base, Italy. Wednesday is the deadline for sending priority mail and first-class letters and cards to the United States in time for Christmas. Two other deadlines for slower classes of mail have already passed. The only one left will be for express mail (three-day service) on Dec. 18.

Celebrities write Bush, ask for stop to war talk

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mike Farrell and Anjelica Huston will release a letter Tuesday signed by a hundred celebrities who want President Bush to stop his war rhetoric toward Iraq.

The letter reportedly is signed by stars including Kim Basinger, Matt Damon, Laurence Fishburne, Ethan Hawke, Uma Thurman, Samuel L. Jackson, Jessica Lange and Martin Sheen, publicists for the event said Monday.

Details of the letter weren't released.

Bush has threatened military force against Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, saying the dictator has amassed weapons of mass destruction

that pose a danger to the United States.

United Nations weapons inspectors are searching the Middle Eastern country for such devices but have turned up little so far.

Farrell, who plays a veterinarian on the NBC drama "Providence," previously compiled a celebrity-endorsed letter in June asking U.S. senators to vote against a plan to bury the nation's nuclear power waste at Nevada's Yucca Mountain.

Co-signers of that letter included Alec Baldwin and Tim Robbins, Rob Reiner, Barbra Streisand and Harry Belafonte.

On July 9, senators voted 60-39 in favor of the Yucca Mountain project.

'Abby,' 'Any' letters move to Internet

Stars and Stripes

The "Any Servicemember" and "Operation Dear Abby" holiday mail programs haven't been eliminated by the war on terrorism, but — like other aspects of American life — they've certainly been changed.

For the second year, continuing security concerns have prompted moving both letter-writing campaigns to the Internet.

Before 2001, "Any Servicemember," a 12-year program operated by the Department of Defense since Operation Desert Storm, and "Operation Dear Abby," started by syndicated columnist Abigail Van Buren in 1967, forwarded letters from the public as a show of support for troops. Now, the letters are forwarded via the Web.

Lt. Col. Jim Cassella, a Defense Department spokesman, said the possibility of terrorists using the popular programs to attack servicemembers, coupled with the overwhelming response the programs have generated in recent years, made it prudent to suspend the mail efforts.

"We put a halt to it last year in the wake of anthrax attacks ... and that remains unchanged," he said.

"Both programs migrated to the Web," Cassella said. The Navy's support Web site, www.lifelines2000.org, is behind the effort, he said, "but it's for all services."

Private organizations and businesses sponsor numerous other programs, Cassella noted, although he declined to recommend any to prevent the appearance of DOD endorsement.

One option he suggested, however, was contributing the services' individual relief societies.

Cassella said people could also show their support "by instead supporting the communities in which they live."

S. Korea, U.S. to discuss SOFA

Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — Amid growing anti-American sentiment, South Korean and U.S. officials are expected to meet in Seoul this week to discuss possible changes in the status of forces agreement.

SOFA governs relations between South Korea and the 37,000 U.S. troops stationed there. Korean national lawmakers have mounted a bipartisan effort to revise it, following public anger over the November acquittal of two U.S.

soldiers whose vehicle killed two teenage girls.

Officials from both nations were working out the date and time of the meeting, which is aimed at improving how SOFA is carried out, a Korean Ministry of National Defense spokesman confirmed.

The sessions also will explore how to ease widening anti-American feeling surrounding the case. A working-level SOFA criminal committee will meet, too.

Sgt. Fernando Nino and

Sgt. Mark Walker were tried in separate courts-martial on negligent homicide charges in connection with the June 13 deaths of Shim Mi-sun and Shin Hyo-soon, both 13. A 45-ton armored vehicle, which Nino and Walker crewed, struck and killed the girls.

Many Koreans have voiced anger that under SOFA, the trials were conducted by the U.S. military, not South Korean courts. Protests intensified when Nino and Walker were acquitted late last month.

Club reveals how Army workers abused travel cards

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Sex sells but Pentagon leaders are finding ways to make sure it isn't paid for with government credit cards.

For several years, the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, probed the use and misuse of government-issued travel cards and uncovered charges at brothels, casinos and Internet gambling sites, and to pay for clothing, cruises, sports tickets and even a down payment on a house.

The Pentagon and Bank of America, which issues the cards, are working with merchants to block use of the cards and to nab employees who inappropriately use them.

"The rules are pretty simple. You use the card for official government travel and then you must pay the bill," said Michael Weber, the Air Force travel card coordinator. "But it's a big population. You can't control them all."

Investigators found, in fiscal 2001, about 200 Army individuals charged \$38,000 at gentlemen's clubs, both for entertainment and to get cash to skirt limits on ATM withdrawal limits. Here's how it works:

Club personnel give cardholders cash for a 10 percent fee; an account might be debited \$1,100, with the cardholder getting \$1,000 cash.

In one case, the Crazy Horse Too Gentleman's Club in Las Vegas, which features topless dancers, customers used the card to get "club cash" instead of U.S. currency, investigators reported.

Customers use club cash to tip servers and dancers, but cannot buy alcohol with it. When submitting claims for payment, Crazy Horse Too lists the transactions in the name of its parent company, Power Company.

But, Crazy Horse Too has had a long-standing policy of not accepting "anything labeled for certain use, like government," said the company comptroller, Ralph Rizzolo.

"If it's labeled for government use only and it's been used here, then it slipped through," Rizzolo said. "But I've never seen the kind of card you're talking about. Maybe it's poorly labeled or looks like every other credit card, which I suspect is the case."

Not all of the government-issued travel cards are marked with "United States of America For Official Government Use Only," Pentagon spokeswoman Susan Hansen said.

"For security reasons, some organizations don't want to advertise that person is a government employee. That's a red flag as to who they are," she said.

No bank or government official ever notified Crazy Horse Too or Power Company of use of government cards at the establishment, Rizzolo said.

"I'm glad someone brought this to our attention. But you'd think if it was such a problem, if people were abusing the credit card, you'd think someone would have called before a reporter called me," he said.

To curtail card misuse, the Pentagon has asked Bank of America and Visa to develop a separate merchant category code for any establishment that provides adult entertainment along with food and beverage sales — an arduous process still in development, Hansen said.

The government can't conceivably contact all establishments and vendors where the cards might be inappropriately used, Hansen said.

"We're working to ensure that the cards are used properly rather than start an investigation of each location," she said.

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DOD investigates sex-club patrols

St. Petersburg Times

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is investigating whether U.S. military patrols in South Korea have provided security for servicemen visiting bars and clubs staffed by women forced into prostitution.

The investigation centers on South Korea's so-called camp towns, commercial districts that spring up around U.S. military bases and cater to service-members.

Offering the promise of legitimate work, entrepreneurs there allegedly have lured women from Russia and the Philippines, taken their passports, and pressured or coerced them into prostitution.

Some observers say the servicemen play a key role in encouraging the trafficking of women to South Korea. "They are the demand and the women are the supply," said Katharine Moon, a political scientist at Wellesley College in Massachusetts and author of a book about U.S. military members and South Korean prostitution.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., who requested the Pentagon inquiry, is especially concerned

about the role of U.S. "courtesy patrols," an informal version of military police, who have been filmed standing watch as servicemen socialized with the women in bars.

"When American soldiers acting in their official capacity effectively condone the practice of soliciting the services of trafficked persons, the efforts of Congress, the State Department and other U.S. government agencies are severely undermined," Smith and 12 other lawmakers wrote Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in May.

A Pentagon spokeswoman confirmed that the Department of Defense Inspector General's Office is investigating the allegations. Nick Manetto, a spokesman for Smith, said the Pentagon inspectors left Thursday for a two-week fact-finding trip to South Korea.

For now, investigators are expected to examine conditions around Camp Casey, an Army base in Tongduchon, about 40 miles north of Seoul; Osan Air Base, 48 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone on the border with North Korea; and other installations.

Okinawa Marine held on suspicion of DWI

URASOE, Okinawa — A Marine assigned to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing was arrested by Okinawa police early Sunday after he was involved in a traffic accident on Highway 58 near Camp Kinser.

Sgt. Alfred V. Medina, 23, is being investigated for driving while intoxicated and being involved in an accident causing injuries, a police spokesman said.

A Marine Corps spokesman confirmed that Medina is assigned to Marine Air Support Squadron 2, Marine Air Control Group 18, 1st Marine Air Wing at Futenma Marine Corps Air Station. The Marine spokesman confirmed that Medina remained in the custody of Japanese police on Monday.

According to Okinawa police, Medina's car and a van collided in the Makiminato district of Urasoe about 5:09 a.m., as the van was turning right at a traffic light.

Medina was uninjured, said a duty officer at the Urasoe police station. The van's 22-year-old driver and three passengers were treated for minor injuries.

Sexual assault case goes to prosecutors

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The sexual assault case against Marine Maj. Michael J. Brown now is in the hands of Japanese prosecutors.

Okinawa prefectural police said they handed their case to Naha District Court prosecutors Monday afternoon.

That means Brown, 39, assigned to the command element of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Courtney, could be indicted within a week or two, which is customary practice for the Okinawa prosecutor's office.

Brown is accused of attempting to rape a Philippine woman Nov. 2 as well as destroying her cellular phone after she struggled and attempted to call police.

Brown remains free, but he is restricted to the base. U.S. officials last week turned down a request to have Brown released to the custody of Okinawa police before indictment.

Get free health updates

ARLINGTON, Va. — Tricare patients can get free weekly health management updates by subscribing to an e-mail service run by the health agency.

The "What's New on the Tricare Web site e-Update" describes for patients new features and updated information, which are posted on www.tricare.osd.mil, or through the new service in which subscribers can expect the e-Update to arrive in e-mail in-boxes weekly.

Free subscriptions can be obtained by logging on to the site and clicking on "What's new."

Updated information includes Tricare news releases, fact sheets, and a highlighted topic of the week.

Soldier cops to bribery

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A soldier accused of offering photographs of a top-secret military facility to a Philadelphia newspaper has pleaded guilty to one count of soliciting a bribe.

Army Spc. Maurice D. Threats of Cascade, Md., pleaded guilty Friday to offering to sell photos of the Alternate Joint Communications Center, known as Site R, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Dennis Pfannenschmidt.

Threats worked as a security guard at the heavily guarded military center, which lies inside a hollowed-out granite mountain.

As part of Threats' plea bargain, prosecutors will ask the judge to dismiss charges of gathering defense information and seeking a gratuity outside official duties, Pfannenschmidt said Monday.

From staff and wire reports

Guam storm cleanup begins

Stars and Stripes

U.S. military personnel on Guam are laboring to clean up the devastation that Super Typhoon Pongsona left in its wake after pummeling the island Sunday with winds topping 180 mph.

Guam Gov. Carl Gutierrez declared a state of emergency and activated the island's National Guard units to help with the disaster relief effort. President Bush followed suit and declared Guam a federal disaster area Monday.

Navy and Air Force officials confirmed Tuesday that base firefighters have been helping fight a blaze at a fuel storage area in Apra Har-

bor's commercial shipping port, as reported in Guam's Pacific Daily News. Eight men initially reported missing have been located, the newspaper reported.

Marine Maj. Guillermo Canedo, a spokesman for U.S. Pacific Command in Honolulu, said lightning struck one fuel tank, causing it to explode. Two other tanks subsequently caught fire, and others were in danger of igniting, said Canedo, who added that the fires were not contained as of Tuesday morning.

As of Tuesday, the entire island was without power, said Staff Sgt. Jess Harvey, a spokesman at Andersen Air Force Base.

Bomb plot investigated

HEIDELBERG, Germany — German authorities are continuing their investigation into a couple suspected of plotting to bomb the top U.S. Army headquarters in Europe over the Sept. 11th anniversary.

"Both are still in prison," said Elke O'Donoghue, a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office in Heidelberg.

Tipped by U.S. authorities, German police arrested Oman Petmezci, 24, and his American fiancée, Astrid Eyzaguirre, 23, on Sept 5.

Investigators found nearly 300 pounds of chemicals and five pipe bombs — along with pictures of Osama bin Laden — in the couple's apartment in Walldorf, not far from the U.S. Army Europe headquarters.

Muslims being recruited

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Dozens of young, disenchanted Muslims in the Netherlands likely are being recruited by radical groups for suicide missions worldwide, a Dutch internal intelligence service report said Monday.

Those recruitments began in the months after the Sept. 11 terror attacks in the United States and probably continue today, said the report by the agency known as AIVD.

"There is evidence that in the months after October 2001, several tens of Muslims left the Netherlands for Afghanistan or Pakistan to fight alongside their Islamic brothers against the United States and other 'enemies of Islam,'" the report said.

"It appears probable, by very conservative estimates, that several tens of people are at this moment somewhere in the recruitment process in the Netherlands."

Although many of the past recruits for jihad, or holy war, were radical Muslims living illegally in the Netherlands, recruiters now are targeting second-generation Muslims who "wrestle with their identity," the report said.

Group stays on terror list

WASHINGTON — A Kurdish organization that changed its name will remain on the State Department's list of terrorist organizations, and any financial assets it has in the United States will be frozen, the State Department said Monday.

The department acted a day before Recep Tayyip Erdogan, leader of Turkey's ruling political party, is to meet at the White House with President Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice.

Kurds belong to an ethnic group that ranges over parts of Turkey, Iran, Iraq and Syria. Each country has had periods of unrest among Kurds, whose rebels seek a homeland they would call Kurdistan.

From wire reports

Iraq claims U.S. will tamper with document

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Iraqi government accused Washington on Tuesday of taking control of a U.N. master copy of Baghdad's arms declaration in order to tamper with it and create a pretext for war.

President Saddam Hussein, meanwhile, spoke of war and sacrifice in a meeting with top lieutenants, men U.S. strategists hope will abandon the Iraqi strongman in the event of war. If war comes, Saddam told them, "your heads will remain high with honor, God willing."

The U.S.-Iraqi tensions flared again in the southern "no-fly zone." The U.S. command said its warplanes on Tuesday bombed an Iraqi anti-aircraft missile site 165 miles southeast of Baghdad. Just across Iraq's southeastern border in Kuwait, U.S. Army units were conducting desert exercises this week.

The words and signs of war sharpened the atmosphere surrounding the Iraq crisis Tuesday, just as the United Nations prepared to begin weeks of analysis of the 12,000-page Iraqi declaration submitted over the weekend, documents in which it was supposed to "tell all" about chemical, biological and nuclear programs.

Iraq insists it no longer has weapons of mass destruction or programs to make them. The Bush administration says it is sure Baghdad does, and it threatens war if, in the U.S. view, the Baghdad government doesn't comply with U.N. disarmament demands.

U.S. says there will be no rush to judgment

BY JENNIFER LOVEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration began searching Iraq's massive arms declaration for deceptions Monday, promising no rush to judgment while professing "there's skepticism and there's fear" about Saddam Hussein's intentions.

The United States took the U.N. Security Council's only copy from New York to Washington to make duplicates for distribution to the council's four other permanent members.

Those four countries — Britain, France, Russia and China — agreed to let the United States handle the 12,000-page document because Colombia, which holds the presidency of the Security Council, was not able to copy it quickly enough in a secure location, a senior administration official said.

The United Nations could have done

U.S. bombs Iraq

WASHINGTON — A U.S. F-16 fighter bombed an Iraqi surface-to-air missile system Tuesday after Iraq moved it deep into the southern no-fly zone, defense officials said.

The mobile SA-13 missile system was at a site called Qalat Sal, about 30 miles from the Tigris River city of Al Amarah, military officials said. The F-16 fighter dropped two bombs on it at about 6 a.m. EST, officials said.

Al Amarah, about 165 miles southeast of Baghdad, is inside the southern no-fly zone set up and patrolled by British and American planes since the Persian Gulf War.

The Soviet-built SA-13 system — a missile battery mounted on a tank-like armored personnel carrier — had not fired on any coalition planes, military officials said. The United States says the mere presence of such air defense systems in the no-fly zones is a threat.

From The Associated Press

The U.S. weapons inspectors responsible for testing those Iraqi denials fanned out across the countryside Tuesday on surprise inspection missions to 13 sites, the farthest afield a uranium mining site. Twenty-eight new U.N. inspectors arrived Tuesday, expanding the staff to 70.

The master copy of the Iraqi documents was in U.S. hands for most of Monday, before copies were distributed to other council members.

the work but its priority is censoring the dossier for sensitive material — such as bomb-making instructions — before handing it to the 10 non-permanent council members that do not have nuclear weapons, the official said. The extraordinary sensitivity of even the copying task required the declaration be flown to Washington, said Sean McCormack, a White House spokesman on national security issues.

The U.N. Security Council reversed itself Sunday and agreed to give its five permanent members complete, unsanitized copies.

U.S. experts were helping with the censoring, even as they began evaluating the document itself, two officials said.

Saddam, the Iraqi president, insists his regime has no programs for developing banned nuclear, biological or chemical weapons. President Bush says Saddam is lying.

Rumsfeld in Africa in search of allies

BY ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

ASMARA, Eritrea — Sharpening the U.S. focus on the Horn of Africa as a haven for terrorists, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld arrived in the Eritrean capital on Tuesday to discuss expanding military cooperation and to visit American troops training in neighboring deserts.

Rumsfeld was visiting Ethiopia and Djibouti as well as Eritrea.

The three impoverished nations are neighbors in an unstable region that lies across the Red Sea from Yemen, the ancestral home of Osama bin Laden.

Later in the week, Rumsfeld was headed to the oil-rich sheikdom of Qatar in the Persian Gulf to get a firsthand look at a new U.S. military command post headed by Gen. Tommy Franks.

Franks and hundreds of his battle staff are conducting an exercise this week to test the command post's ability to communicate with its naval, land and air components elsewhere in the Gulf. It is widely seen as

a practice run for a possible American-led war against Iraq, although no combat troops are involved.

In Asmara, the Eritrean capital, Rumsfeld met with President Isaias Afwerki and other government officials. Afterward, Isaias told reporters his country was not looking for U.S. handouts but was determined to help the United States in any way possible to fight a global war on terrorism.

Asked whether the offers included allowing U.S. troops on Eritrean soil, Isaias replied, "That is the least of them."

Later Rumsfeld flew to the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa, where he was meeting Prime Minister Meles Zenawi.

In an interview en route from Washington, Rumsfeld said the Bush administration was pleased at the cooperation of Eritrea, Ethiopia and Djibouti in the war on terrorism. He left open the possibility of expanding the U.S. military presence in the area but said no decisions were imminent.

So far the United States has only agreed to use Camp Lemonnier in the desert hinterland of Djibouti.

Franks calls Qatar games 'critical'

The Associated Press

CAMP AS SAYLIYAH, Qatar — Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the head of U.S. Central Command, said Tuesday that an exercise under way in the Gulf nation of Qatar was critical to preparing U.S. forces for war and that his troops were ready to launch operations in Iraq if called upon.

Franks, drinking coffee in a mess hall painted with desert colors, said no decision had been made yet on whether he would keep his key battle planners and their staff at Camp As Sayliyah after the exercise — possibly to oversee a war to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and strip Iraq of banned weapons.

The command and control exercise, known as Internal Look, tests the Central Command's ability to deploy a new, portable command center to the field and run a war from it. The new equipment was ordered, and the exercise was planned, before Sept. 11, but the current tension with Iraq has led to speculation that Internal Look is a rehearsal for an invasion of Iraq.

Central Command officials refuse to discuss the scenarios being tested during the seven-to-10 day, computer-assisted war game. But Franks said the training and testing of new, high-tech equipment was important, regardless of the current political situation.

Reeve still surprises

WASHINGTON — Christopher Reeve continues to surprise the experts.

Seven years after he was paralyzed from a spinal cord injury, tests at the Washington University of School of Medicine in St. Louis show the 50-year-old actor's brain maintains a near-normal ability to detect feeling and movement, a finding experts say is contrary to the "use it or lose it" rule about the brain.

Years of research have shown in animals that when the spinal cord is severed then the brain will reorganize itself and eventually not respond to signals from the paralyzed part of the body. That hasn't happened to Reeve.

Other experts cautioned that the study deals with only one patient and that further studies would be needed.

Dentist's tree call

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — The tree-sitter who's lived in an old oak tree for 39 days saw a dentist Monday who shimmied up his tree and put a temporary cap on a molar he broke eating an energy bar.

Quigley perches 46 feet up in the tree he's trying to save from a developer's road-widening project. Michel met Quigley at a section of tree that provided a level setting for a dental work.

Michel said she couldn't install a permanent crown while in the tree.

Clinton library hopes hang on ornaments

WASHINGTON — With fund-raising lagging for former President Bill Clinton's presidential library, cash-strapped Clintonistas have taken to selling Christmas ornaments to finance the glass-and-steel structure.

For a \$35 contribution to the William J. Clinton Foundation, true believers will receive a first-edition 2002 Clinton library commemorative ornament.

The foundation's Web site says \$17.50 of the purchase price is tax-deductible. Contributors can get extra ornaments for another \$17.50.

An awful lot of the decorations will have to dangle from Christmas trees to build the planned 27-acre Clinton library and center, which has an estimated price tag of \$200 million.

President chooses banker to head SEC

WASHINGTON — President Bush selected former investment banker William H. Donaldson to head the Securities and Exchange Commission and to restore confidence in markets shaken by a wave of corporate financial scandals.

His mission, as outlined by Bush on Tuesday: "to vigorously enforce our nation's laws against corporate corruption."

Donaldson will replace Harvey Pitt, who resigned last month under pressure over his handling of the financial debacle at Enron and other large corporations. The president said his administration also plans to boost the SEC's budget to give it the resources to root out corporate malfeasance.

His nomination must be confirmed by the Senate.

Maintenance blamed for airline crash

WASHINGTON — Federal safety investigators said Tuesday that a lack of grease on a tail component caused the deadly crash of Alaska Airlines Flight 261 off the California coast, rejecting the airline's argument that the kind of grease recommended by the manufacturer was at fault.

A draft report being considered by the National Transportation Safety Board blames insufficient lubrication for excessive wear and the eventual failure of the MD-80's jackscrew, which helps move the plane's stabilizer and sets the angle of flight.

The plane crashed in January 2000, killing all 88 people aboard.

From wire services

Infants killed in U.S. as often as teenagers

The Washington Post

The homicide rate for U.S. infants is now virtually equal to the murder rate for teenagers, according to a new analysis of government data that revealed a surprising demographic milestone.

A slow, 30-year rise in the infanticide rate, coupled with a sharp — and more widely reported — drop in teen homicides means the two groups are now being murdered at almost equal rates, according to the study's director, Brett Brown, databank supervisor for Child Trends, the independent research organization that issued a report last week.

The homicide rate for Americans aged 15-19 was 9.6 per 100,000 in 2000, the same year that the rate for infants — defined as children younger than 1 — peaked at a 30-year high of 9.1, twice what it was in 1970.

"Infants are the most defenseless members of our society and the most deserving of our protection. If degree of risk is going to guide our domestic policies, then when the infant homicide rate equals the teen rate, it's time for us to pay attention," Brown said.

The Child Trends study tracked the two homicide rates back to 1970, a benchmark starting point used in federal policy deliberations.

No one is sure why the infant homicide rate has steadily climbed over the past three decades, but one explanation may be better reporting. Coroners and medical examiners, under pressure from pediatricians and others, have been receiving better training in the signs of child abuse. Infant deaths that at one time would have been attributed to accidents or sudden infant death syndrome are increasingly being ruled homicides. This also would help explain a corresponding decline in SIDS deaths.

Some researchers believe, however, that despite such advances, the reported homicide rate for infants is probably lower than the actual rate, perhaps by as much as 50 percent.

Many still in dark in Carolinas

The Associated Press

FRANKLINTON, N.C. — Just two of the five traffic lights here work, and more than half of the town's 1,800 residents, many of them elderly, remain without power five days after an ice storm glazed the state.

Some residents said they had been ignored because of a utility policy that gives priority to lines that serve the most people.

Carolina Power & Light

spokeswoman Julie Hans said that some long lines coming into the town are down and are taking more time to repair.

"We've had it bad," said Devero Martin, 74, a blind retired Army colonel. "Look at all the clothes I have on. It's everything I have."

Gov. Mike Easley asked for a federal disaster declaration for the 35 hardest-hit counties and a lower level of help for those bordering the 35 counties.

Hans acknowledged that in

rural areas it takes the same effort to restore a few customers as it does to restore hundreds in a city like Raleigh.

"That's the most efficient way to restore power, to work on the lines that are going to get the most number of customers restored in the quickest amount of time."

More than 2 million people in the Carolinas were without power after last week's ice storm. By Tuesday, utilities said that number was down to about 359,000.

Cardinal Law continues talks at Vatican

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Embattled Cardinal Bernard Law met with Vatican officials again Tuesday, a day after the Boston Archdiocese released more personnel records on sexually abusive priests and 58 clerics submitted a letter calling for Law to resign.

Law was meeting privately with the top Vatican officials who would handle the damage caused by the sex abuse scandal — the possibilities of a bankruptcy filing by the archdiocese or a resignation by the cardinal.

A senior Vatican official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Law's "agenda was open" but that he was expected to see the pope later this week.

On Monday, the archdiocese released a new round of records that show that church leaders took some allegations of sex abuse by priests more seriously after a formal policy on abuse was instituted in 1993.

Also Monday, 58 Boston-area priests signed a letter calling for Law's resignation.

The Vatican has said little

about the previously unannounced visit by Law, except for a brief statement by papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls that Law requested consultations about his archdiocese. He has been there since at least Sunday. The archdiocese has not commented on the purpose of his trip.

Last week, a Boston church finance panel gave Law the authority to seek bankruptcy protection for the archdiocese — a move that may prove financially necessary but would infuriate victims seeking damages in dozens of lawsuits.

Man lives on snow, taco sauce after crash

BY JENNIFER BUNDY

The Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Freezing and hobbled by a broken hip, Robert Ward burned paper for warmth and melted snow to drink. His only food was what he could get out of an old peanut butter jar and sauce packets from Taco Bell.

For more than six days, the 32-year-old coal mine security guard survived in below-freezing temperatures in his wrecked car after it plunged 150 feet into a ravine.

He may have been about to lose his survival battle Sunday when he was finally rescued.

"I don't think he would have made it through the night," said Terry Likens, captain of the fire department where Ward is a volunteer emergen-

cy medical technician. "He told us when we found him, he said he was getting ready to go to sleep for the last time. He had just about given up."

Ward was in serious condition after surgery Sunday at a hospital in Huntington. Both of his feet were frostbitten.

On Dec. 2, Ward's car went off the road, falling 150 feet and hitting a tree that destroyed the vehicle's headlights and horn.

A few days later, the season's first snowstorm struck and temperatures plunged below freezing for several days.

To stay warm, Ward ripped the lining from the car's roof and used it as a blanket, Likens said.

He also burned paper, including pages from his EMT

manual, and melted snow to drink. The taco sauce and peanut butter provided his only nourishment. There were two soft drink cans in the front seat, but Ward could not reach them until Saturday.

"It's a bachelor vehicle. It catches a little bit of everything," Likens said.

Searchers from two volunteer fire departments, law enforcement agencies, state natural resource and forestry workers and coal mine employees scoured the area. A coal company donated a helicopter for the search.

As Likens and a companion searched the ravine with binoculars, Ward heard their car and voices and started hollering. "He asked us to pinch him so he knew he wasn't dreaming," Likens said.

Cracks found in tanker

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — A research submarine investigating whether the sunken Prestige tanker is still spilling fuel has found three new cracks in the vessel's stern, Deputy Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said Monday.

In a press conference, Rajoy said it was not yet possible to gauge how much fuel was now leaking from the tanker, which lies split in two on the ocean floor 2.2 miles underwater.

Rajoy on Sunday said the Nautille, borrowed from France, had found two minor cracks in the stern. He said then that the stern appeared to be in better shape than the bow, which has at least four leaks.

"We have to be prepared for everything," said Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar in an interview on state-run broadcaster TVE when asked for the possibility of more oil threatening Spain's northwestern coast.

The 26-year-old, single-hulled Prestige broke in two and sank on Nov. 19, six days after it ruptured in a storm and started leaking.

The government says that altogether

it spilled up to 4.5 million gallons of the 20.5 million gallons of fuel oil it was carrying. Ecologists put the figure at 5.3 million gallons.

Spain has so far insisted that the oil still on the tanker will solidify because of the near freezing sea-floor temperatures.

Hundreds of miles of coast have been fouled, and a ban on fishing and shellfish harvesting has forced thousands of fishermen to depend on government handouts of 40 dollars a day that began to be distributed Monday.

Meanwhile, some 5,000 workers and soldiers continued with cleanup operations along the northwestern and northern coastlines, much of which have been badly tarred by the hundreds of oil patches that spread from the tanker.

According to Rajoy, there are now a group of some 50 slicks, the largest about 24 square yards still lying 50 miles off the Spanish coast.

Experts fear weather conditions may push the slicks toward the Galician coast later this week.

Rajoy said the anti-pollution boats were finding it difficult to vacuum up the oil because it has become thinner in the water.

Santa comments regretted

LONDON — Vicar Lee Rayfield thought he was just having fun when he told a school carol service Santa Claus was dead and that Rudolph and the other reindeer would burn up if they traveled at the speeds necessary to deliver everyone's gifts on time.

But after tears and complaints from those who attended the service at St. Mary's Church in Maidenhead, west of London, on Monday night, Rayfield realized his festive faux pas.

"I made a serious misjudgment of the ages of the children," Rayfield, vicar of nearby St. Peter's Church, said.

Couple divorces over cat

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Many couples divorce because the wife refuses to share her husband with another woman. For one Taiwanese couple, the home wrecker was a cat.

A judge said on Monday that he allowed a woman to divorce her husband because she refused to share the couple's bed with the man's cat.

Frequent squabbles over the cat made it difficult for the couple to live together, ruled Chen Tsai-wang, a Panchiao District Court judge in suburban Taipei.

Carter speaks against war

OSLO, Norway — With the world on edge over terrorism and a possible attack on Iraq, Jimmy Carter, his Nobel Peace Prize in hand, warned Tuesday that war breeds war.

"War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn to live together in peace by killing each other's children," the 78-year-old former American president said in his Nobel address in Oslo.

Carter accepted his long-awaited peace prize in a solemn ceremony at the Oslo City Hall, 24 years after he would, but for a formality, have shared it for 1978 Camp David peace accords between Egypt and Israel.

His wife, Rosalynn, children and grandchildren were among the hundreds gathered to see him honored for pursuing peace, health and human rights worldwide.

"Global challenges must be met by an emphasis on peace," Carter said, "in harmony with others, with strong alliances and international consensus.

"For powerful countries to adopt a principle of preventative war may well set an example that can have catastrophic consequences," he said.

EU appears favorable to talk of Turkey's entry

BY CONSTANT BRAND

The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Most European Union nations support a German-French proposal Tuesday on giving Turkey a conditional date to start entry talks in 2005, German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer said.

"There is a very large majority in agreement with this basis," Fischer told reporters at the start of a second day of talks among EU foreign ministers on the EU's expansion plans.

Setting a date for Turkey to start talks to join the group is a key issue heading into an EU summit Thursday and Friday in Copenhagen. The EU is due to invite 10 mostly former communist nations to join in 2004.

Turkey is lobbying hard for an earlier date for starting talks, but the EU has been reluctant to open membership talks without more evidence of human rights improvements, democratic reforms and a more stable economy.

The plan from France and Germany would open talks in July 2005, if Turkey is judged to meet the criteria for membership.

Denmark, which holds the EU's rotat-

ing presidency, was seeking a united EU position on Turkey and on efforts to persuade the 10 candidates for membership in 2004 to agree terms — including a \$40 billion aid package over their first three years of membership.

Poland has led demands for more money, but the candidates are expected to agree to terms at the summit. Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Moeller warned there would be "no more money" to sweeten the offer.

Cyprus, Slovakia and Estonia have already accepted the offer and Danish officials were confident Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Latvia and Lithuania were on the brink of doing so. That would leave Poland and Malta as the main holdouts ahead of the summit.

The entry talks began nearly four years ago and have been a Herculean task meshing the economies and legal systems of the candidate nations into the 15-nation EU. The expansion will be the EU's biggest ever.

Turkey's new government has pushed hard for a date to open negotiations and has criticized the 2005 proposal as too late. It is supported by the United States, which wants Turkish support if it goes to war in Iraq.

From The Associated Press

Doctor to stars' license revoked

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Jules Mark Lusman, whose medical license was revoked last week for prescribing addictive drugs to celebrities, frequently provided narcotics on a "cash-and-carry" basis to the rich and famous, including Winona Ryder and singer-actress Courtney Love, according to a state report.

Lusman, 49, may face criminal prosecution, authorities said Monday.

In its report, the Medical Board of California said the Santa Monica physician's stated specialty was laser surgery. But he also catered to "the demands of wealthy and/or famous drug-seekers for prescription narcotics which would otherwise have to be obtained on the street," the report stated.

The doctor frequently made house calls to celebri-

ties, examining them briefly before prescribing drugs, the report said. Lusman used one drug, the powerful and potentially addictive Demerol, as "his first weapon" against pain complaints.

Lusman called the decision "grossly unfair" in an interview Monday with the television program "Inside Edition."

Before the board, Lusman argued "his care and treatment fell within the standard of care at all times for a physician in his community with his practice emphasis."

But the report identified eight patients and cited their treatment as grounds for revoking his license. One patient received approximately 360 prescriptions over five years, more than two-thirds from Lusman.

The medical board's report identified patients only by initials. One was identified as

C.L., whom the report went on to describe as "a fairly well known musician" who "at one time had been married to Mr. C., who had passed away." A spokesman for Love, the widow of rock singer Kurt Cobain, declined to comment on the board's assertions. Two sources familiar with the investigation, however, confirmed that the C.L. in the report was Love.

A native of South Africa, Lusman was once disciplined by medical authorities there for "improper prescription of medications to a patient." California authorities were made aware of Lusman's record when he moved here in 1990, and kept him on probation for two years.

Lusman's role as a doctor to the stars came to light after police found eight types of prescription drugs in Ryder's possession last December while booking her for shoplifting.

Faces 'n' places

Host gets new gig

Jon Stewart is going from late night to prime time.

The host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central has signed a development deal with NBC for a sitcom that will begin in fall 2003.

Stewart will be the executive producer and co-writer of the series, which will star **Stephen Colbert**, a writer and correspondent on "The Daily Show."

Stewart joked that the show will incorporate everything that's been successful for the network in the past.

"We were just thinking about what would happen if a gay man and a straight woman lived together in a bar in **Boston** and ate spiders for \$50,000 every episode," the 40-year-old comedian told Daily Variety.

Stewart will continue to host "The Daily Show."

Magician hospitalized

Magician **David Copperfield** was taken to a Canadian hospital after stopping midway through a performance, his tour spokesman said.

Copperfield, 46, was doing the second of three scheduled shows Sunday at the Jubilee Auditorium in **Edmonton, Alberta**, when he decided he couldn't continue. The 4:30 p.m. show and an evening performance were canceled to allow doctors at the University of Alberta Hospital to perform medical tests.

Copperfield planned to resume his Canadian tour Monday "barring any further complications," Lobel said.

Furniture wins

"Crocodile Dundee" star **Paul Hogan**, known for his roles wrestling crocs, was recovering in a hospital Monday after suffering a slipped disc while wrestling with furniture.

The 63-year-old Australian actor was admitted recently to St. Vincent's Private Hospital in **Sydney** for treatment of the back injury he sustained while moving furniture.

The hospital said the actor would be back on his feet within a few weeks.

Dad has new tattoo

David Beckham has the names of both his sons tattooed on his back — and promises there's room for more.

The English soccer star said Sunday he had added the name of his second son, **Romeo**, to go with the tattooed name of first son, **Brooklyn**.

Beckham hinted he and his pop-singer wife, **Victoria** — "Posh Spice" of the **Spice Girls** — were considering expanding their family.

"Three or four, maybe four, maybe five, but we'll see," the Manchester United midfielder said.

Beckham did not show off the tattoos.

From The Associated Press

Sports in brief

FOOTBALL

ASHBURN, Va. — Washington Redskins defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis interviewed for the vacant Michigan State head coaching position and said he will quickly decide whether to take the job.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have cleared defensive end Jevon Kearse, and they hope the three-time Pro Bowler will be able to play in next Monday's game against New England.

ST. MARTINVILLE, La. — Former Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Nate Newton, already serving time in another drug case, was sentenced to five years in prison for possession of 213 pounds of marijuana in Louisiana.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

DALLAS — Kentucky coach Guy Morris will be formally introduced as the replacement for fired Baylor coach Kevin Steele during a news conference Wednesday in Waco, a source close to the Bears program confirmed.

LOS ANGELES — Bob Toledo was fired by UCLA. He guided UCLA to a 49-32 record in seven seasons, the third-most victories for a football coach in school history.

BASKETBALL

DETROIT — U.S. District Judge Nancy G. Edmunds set the Webber family's trial for July 8.

Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber, father Mayce Webber Jr. and aunt Charlene Johnson are charged with obstruction of justice and perjury. They are accused of lying to a federal grand jury about their dealings with ex-University of Michigan basketball booster Eddie Martin.

NEW YORK — The NBA suspended Seattle forward Rashard Lewis for one game without pay for shoving a fist in the face of Miami's Travis Best last Saturday, and fined Utah center Greg Oden \$7,500 for not immediately leaving the court after his ejection last Sunday.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The U.S. men's basketball team will play in San Juan, Puerto Rico, next August in the Americas Olympic qualifying tournament.

The U.S. team, which finished a disappointing sixth at the world championships in September, must finish among the top three to qualify for the 2004 Athens Games.

GOLF

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Cart-rider Casey Martin fell apart in the final round of the PGA Tour qualifying tournament, closing with a 77 and falling from 21st into a tie for 57th, which at least assures him of full status on the Nationwide Tour next year.

Winner Jeff Brehaut held it together for a 1-over 73. He finished at 16-under 416 and won \$50,000 in the six-round tournament, one of the most grueling in golf.

None of the top 24 players going into the final round broke 70.

The top 35 players and ties earned exempt status on the PGA Tour next year.

BASEBALL

PHILADELPHIA — With 10 umpires, including Richie Garcia and Eric Gregg, still out of work since their failed mass resignation three years ago, lawyers argued their fates before a federal appeals court.

Umpires have asked the court to order baseball to rehire the 10, and baseball has asked the court whether it must give back pay to five umpires already brought back in a partial settlement.

AUTO RACING

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Busch Series car owned by Hendrick Motorsports will have a new look next season, with Ricky Hendrick calling the shots as owner and 19-year-old Brian Vickers behind the wheel.

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Iowa QB Banks voted AP Player of the Year

Former junior college player overshadows more high-profile candidates

BY RICHARD ROSENBLATT

The Associated Press

For a guy who never started a college football game before this season, Iowa quarterback Brad Banks caught on pretty fast.

Not only did Banks become the nation's top-rated passer, he also led the Hawkeyes (11-1) back to national prominence and into the Orange Bowl.

"I can't imagine a better success story," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Brad wasn't on anyone's radar screen in late August. But he improved every week, and played his best in our biggest games."

Other than two fumbles in a loss to Iowa State, Banks was nearly perfect in No. 3 Iowa's winningest season. The miscues did nothing to take away from his sensational play, and Banks was chosen Monday as The Associated Press College Player of the Year.

"I'm kind of shocked to hear I've won this," said Banks, among the leading Heisman Trophy contenders. "I'm very happy the way the season went, and the way everyone on this team made Iowa a household name. I'm glad to play a part in all this."

The 6-foot-1, 202-pound Banks received 24 votes in balloting by 71 members of the AP college football poll board, which includes representatives of newspapers, TV and radio stations. He edged Southern California quarterback Carson Palmer by three votes, with Miami running back Willis McGahee third with 10 votes.

Penn State running back Larry Johnson was fourth with six votes, Miami quarterback Ken Dorsey had five votes, and Washington State quarterback Jason Gesser had three votes.

Banks completed 155 of 238 passes for 2,369 yards, with 25 touchdowns

Player of the Year voting	
	Votes
Brad Banks, QB, Iowa.....	24
Carson Palmer, QB, USC.....	21
Willis McGahee, RB, Miami.....	10
Larry Johnson, RB, Penn State.....	6
Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami.....	5
Jason Gesser, QB, Washington State.....	3
Kliff Kingsbury, QB, Texas Tech.....	1
Byron Leftwich, QB, Marshall.....	1

Previous winners	
2001 — Rex Grossman, QB, Florida	
2000 — Josh Heupel, QB, Oklahoma	
1999 — Ron Dayne, RB, Wisconsin	
1998 — Ricky Williams, RB, Texas	

and four interceptions. He also ran for 387 yards and five scores.

In the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2, Banks will match passes with Palmer, who threw for 3,639 yards and 32 TDs.

"Should be a great game," Banks said. "I'm really looking forward to it." Iowa and Ohio State were co-Big Ten champions, both with 8-0 league marks. It's the first league title for the Hawkeyes since 1990 and first time since 1922 the team went unbeaten in conference play.

Banks, a senior from Belle Glade, Fla., made his presence known in his first start. He threw first-quarter touchdown passes of 56 and 36 yards as the Hawkeyes rolled to a 57-21 victory over Akron.

Two games later, Iowa and Banks got a taste of national exposure against Iowa State. It did not end well. Banks fumbled on consecutive possessions in the third quarter, allowing the Cyclones to rally from a 17-point halftime deficit for a 36-31 victory.

"We just fell apart for a little bit," Banks said. "Plays broke down, and I made mistakes. I think we learned from that game."

Yes they did. Two games later, Iowa played at Penn State. And Banks was awesome, leading the Hawkeyes to a 35-13 third-quarter lead before the Lions staged a furious rally to force overtime.

But Banks settled down, threw a 6-yard TD pass in OT, and Iowa prevailed, 42-35.

"That showed me something," Ferentz said. "He kept his poise, and even though things were a little hairy, he came up with the play when he needed to."

Up next was Purdue, perhaps Banks' defining game.

Iowa trailed 28-24 and had the ball with 2:16 left and no time outs. Banks calmly drove the Hawkeyes 87 yards for the winning touchdown — a 7-yard pass to Dallas Clark on fourth down with 1:07 to go. Final score: Iowa 31, Purdue 28.

"I sprinted out to the left, and Dallas sneaked out and ran across the field away from me," Banks said. "Everyone was coming toward me, and I held the ball as long as I could before putting it up for Dallas."

Ferentz said: "To win champion-



Brad Banks

ships, you have to make plays like that. And that's what Brad has done all year."

Banks found his way to Iowa two years ago almost by accident.

Hawkeyes defensive line coach Ron Aiken was scouting another player at Hinds (Miss.) Community College when he found out about Banks.

"Their coach told Ron he had a kid that's being overlooked," Ferentz said. "Ron brought the tape back, and Brad was evaluated as the top quarterback who wanted to come here. We fell in love with what we saw."

Before his two years in junior college, Banks spent a redshirt season at Central Florida, where he learned the art of dropback passing and ball release from coach Mike Kruczek and senior starter Daunte Culpepper.

"Having a chance to watch him every day for a year was a big help," Banks said.

Florida quarterback Rex Grossman was last year's AP Player of the Year.

Bucks 140, Cavs 133 (2OT)

CLEVELAND — Sam Cassell scored 39 points and Anthony Mason had six in the second overtime Monday as the Milwaukee Bucks overcame Ricky Davis' 45 points to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 140-133.

Rookie Smush Parker scored 16 of his 20 points after the start of the fourth quarter as Cleveland overcame a 21-point deficit to send the game into overtime.

Milwaukee's Michael Redd had a career-high 35 points and Ray Allen added 27 in his third game back from a sprained ankle. Allen and Redd each made six three-point shots as the Bucks shot 16-for-33 from beyond the arc.

Celtics 114, Magic 109 (OT)

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 30 points, including 10 of Boston's final 12 in regulation, and Antoine Walker added 28 points as the Celtics beat Orlando.

Orlando's Tracy McGrady led all scorers with 31 points, Mike Miller added 29, and Grant Hill had 20 points, 14 rebounds and seven turnovers.

NBA

Tony Delk scored 20 points for the second consecutive game for Boston.

Timberwolves 92, Nuggets 84

DENVER — Troy Hudson scored 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, and Kevin Garnett had 20 points and 13 rebounds to lead Minnesota past Denver.

Hudson and Garnett combined for 18 points in the fourth quarter for the Timberwolves, who had lost two of their previous three games. Garnett has double-doubles in 11 straight games.

Juwan Howard led the Nuggets with 16 points and seven rebounds.

Nets 106, Suns 93

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jason Kidd had 20 points, seven assists and six rebounds as New Jersey beat

Phoenix to make amends for a dismal game against the Suns less than two weeks ago.

Richard Jefferson added 19 points and Rodney Rogers had 18 as the Nets had six players in double figures in atoning for an 82-75 loss in Phoenix on Nov. 27 — New Jersey's lowest-scoring game of the season.

Rookie Amare Stoudemire had 19 points and 14 rebounds for the Suns, who have lost five consecutive games away from America West Arena.

Clippers 94, Hornets 90

NEW ORLEANS — Elton Brand scored 13 of a season-high 29 points in fourth quarter as Los Angeles handed New Orleans its first home loss of the season.

Brand, who surpassed 20 points for the sixth straight game, scored seven consecutive points after Baron Davis' three-pointer gave New Orleans an 81-79 lead.

The Hornets, meanwhile, uncharacteristically fell apart in the final three minutes, turning the ball over twice and missing a pair of long jump shots.

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TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia — An injured left ankle has forced Martina Hingis to withdraw from the Australian Open, the season-opening Grand Slam tournament that she's won three times.

YACHTING

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — One-World Challenge drew some consolation from a troubled week when it won the first race of its best-of-seven semi-final against Prada of Italy at the America's Cup.

The victory, by 47 seconds, put One-World on even terms with Prada, wiping out a one-point penalty imposed on the Seattle team by an arbitration panel for breaching the regatta's protocol.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NEW YORK — Notre Dame's week of upsets landed the Fighting Irish in the Top 10 in The Associated Press college basketball poll.

Sports in brief continued

Victories over Marquette, Maryland and Texas improved Notre Dame's record to 8-1 and transformed the Irish from an unranked team to No. 10 in the weekly media voting.

Creighton, the only team to beat Notre Dame this season, and College of Charleston also moved into the Top 25. Creighton (6-0) is 23rd — its first ranking since 1974-75.

College of Charleston (6-0), which beat Wyoming, Oklahoma State and Villanova in the Great Alaska Shootout over Thanksgiving weekend, moved in at No. 25, its first appearance in the poll since 1998-99.

Arizona (4-0) was No. 1 for the fifth straight poll.

NEW YORK — Duke was again an overwhelming choice at No. 1 in the AP women's basketball poll, with the top seven teams unchanged.

After a relative lull in the schedule, 12 of the 25 teams changed positions and there were no newcomers. Five members of the Top 25 lost during the past week, two against other ranked teams.

From The Associated Press

NFL

Dolphins 27, Bears 9

MIAMI — Ricky Williams ran for 216 yards, including a career-best 63-yard touchdown run, as the Miami Dolphins moved into a tie for the American Football Conference East lead by beating the Chicago Bears 27-9.

It was the first game on television's "Monday Night Football" since the death Thursday of Roone Arledge, who created the show in 1970.

Williams became just the third running back to reach the 200-yard milestone in consecutive games and the first since Earl Campbell in 1980. He carried 31 times, scored twice and overtook Kansas City's Priest Holmes for the NFL rushing lead with 1,500 yards.

With Jay Fiedler throwing a TD pass in his return from a broken right thumb as Miami (8-5) tied New England atop the AFC East and moved one game ahead of the New York Jets. The Dolphins host Oakland (9-4) in a conference showdown Sunday.

Injury-plagued Chicago (3-10) lost for the 10th time in 11 games since a 2-0 start.

Miami's domination was worthy of the '72 Dolphins, who were honored at halftime for achieving the NFL's only perfect season.

The '02 Dolphins outgained Chicago 436 yards to 195 and forced four turnovers.

Fiedler went 15-for-29 for 196 yards in his first start since being hurt Oct. 13. Miami improved to 6-1 with Fiedler starting.

Dave Wannstedt was victorious coaching for the first time against the team that fired him following the 1998 season.

Williams, who ran for a team-record 228 yards last week in a loss at Buffalo, managed an impressive encore. He had 119 yards by halftime for his fourth 100-yard game in a row, and his eighth this season.

Williams scored on a 15-yard run in the second quarter, then sealed the victory in the third quarter on a simple counter up the middle. A block by tight end Randy McMichael sprung Williams into the secondary, and from there he outran the Bears for a 63-yard score and a 21-3 lead.

From The Associated Press

NHL

Coyotes 3, Blue Jackets 3

PHOENIX — Branko Radivojevic scored midway through the third period — his third goal in five games — as the Phoenix Coyotes overcame 2-0 and 3-2 deficits to tie the Columbus Blue Jackets 3-3 Monday.

Marc Denis made 20 of his 38 saves in the third period and overtime for Columbus, outshot 41-22.

The game was played in front of 9,639, the smallest home crowd for the Coyotes since the franchise moved from Winnipeg in 1996.

Phoenix extended its home winless streak to nine games, and the Coyotes have won just once in their past 11 overall.

Geoff Sanderson scored his 15th goal for Columbus, which was forced to withstand a Phoenix power play in the final 2:19 of overtime.

Phoenix had three goals waved off, two because the referee had blown the whistle just before the puck went into the net.

Flames 2, Canucks 1

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Mattias Johansson and Chris Clark had a goal and an assist each on the power play, and Roman Turek made 29 saves as Calgary beat Vancouver.

The Flames, playing without the injured Jarome Iginla for the first time in two years, remained unbeaten (2-0-1) since Al MacNeil took over for fired coach Greg Gilbert on an interim basis.

Calgary had lost 11 of 12 games before the coaching switch.

Artem Chubarov scored for the Canucks, who have lost two straight games and three of four since a 10-game winning streak was snapped last week.

Vancouver outshot the Flames 30-15, but couldn't beat Turek, who has given up one goal in all three games since the coaching change.

From The Associated Press

College basketball

No. 7 Indiana 73, Vanderbilt 56

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Bracey Wright scored 20 of his career-high 31 points in the first half, and No. 7 Indiana made 10 three-pointers in a 73-56 victory over Vanderbilt on Monday.

The Hoosiers (7-0) are off to their best start since 1989-90 and protected their highest ranking in the Top 25 since finishing the 1992-93 season ranked No. 1.

Matt Freije scored 18 points and David Przybyszewski added 14 to lead Vanderbilt (5-2).

No. 11 Missouri 89, Wis.-Green Bay 67

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Rickey Paulding had a career-high 25 points and every Missouri starter scored in double figures as the Tigers beat Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Travon Bryant had 12 points and 10

rebounds, and Ricky Clemons had 16 points for Missouri (5-0).

Matt Rohde scored a career-high 26 points, and Mike King added 14 off the bench for Wisconsin-Green Bay (3-4).

No. 13 Xavier 68, Miami, Ohio 58

CINCINNATI — David West scored 18 points despite struggling with his shot, and No. 13 Xavier wasted most of a big second-half lead before holding on against Miami of Ohio.

Playing two days after an emotional victory over crosstown rival Cincinnati, the Musketeers (5-1) let a 15-point lead slip to one before finishing strong.

West, who was only 5-for-13 from the field, made a close-range basket that sent the Musketeers on a 14-5 run to finish the game.

Lionel Chalmers also had 18 for Xavier.

Chet Mason led the RedHawks (3-4) with 19 points.

From The Associated Press

Scores/standings

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	8	5	0		.615	314	237
New England	8	5	0		.615	330	268
N.Y. Jets	7	6	0		.538	274	282
Buffalo	6	7	0		.462	332	365

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	8	5	0	.615	302	304
Indianapolis	8	5	0	.615	274	233
Jacksonville	5	8	0	.385	276	252
Houston	4	9	0	.308	181	294

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	5	1	.577	309	293
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	283	263
Baltimore	6	7	0	.462	249	287
Cincinnati	1	12	0	.077	235	387

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	9	4	0	.692	381	265
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	270	292
Denver	7	6	0	.538	308	285
Kansas City	7	6	0	.538	419	322

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	10	3	0		.769	347	207
N.Y. Giants	7	6	0		.538	229	238
Dallas	5	8	0		.385	193	245
Washington	5	8	0		.385	240	307

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	10	3	0	.769	301	159
New Orleans	9	4	0	.692	382	326
Atlanta	8	4	1	.654	326	245
Carolina	5	8	0	.385	210	252

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	351	272
Chicago	3	10	0	.231	247	327
Detroit	3	10	0	.231	235	354
Minnesota	3	10	0	.231	300	358

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	9	4	0	.692	316	286
Arizona	5	8	0	.385	213	333
St. Louis	5	8	0	.385	245	291
Seattle	4	9	0	.308	264	307

x-clinched division

Monday's game

Miami 27, Chicago 9

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	15	7	1	2	33	63	52
Philadelphia	12	7	6	1	31	62	59
N.Y. Rangers	12	14	4	1	29	80	100
Pittsburgh	11	9	3	3	28	80	77
N.Y. Islanders	11	13	3	0	25	74	87

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	19	4	3	1	42	93	59
Ottawa	14	7	4	0	32	74	57
Toronto	13	12	2	0	28	79	71
Montreal	11	10	4	2	28	75	89
Buffalo	7	14	4	1	19	60	71

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	13	9	3	3	32	86	78
Carolina	12	10	4	3	31	70	73
Florida	9	9	6	4	28	69	85
Washington	12	14	2	0	26	77	86
Atlanta	7	15	1	3	18	74	102

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Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	16	7	4	1	37	88	69
St. Louis	15	7	3	2	35	92	69
Chicago	12	12	3	0	27	62	62
Columbus	10	13	3	2	25	82	86
Nashville	6	13	4	4	20	57	76

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	16	8	4	0	36	83	68
Minnesota	14	7	6	1	35	73	60
Edmonton	14	9	4	1	33	74	65
Colorado	9	7	8	3	29	73	70
Calgary	8	13	4	3	23	57	81

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	16	6	6	1	39	94	60
Anaheim	11	9	6	3	31	69	74
Los Angeles	10	9	4	3	27	70	71
San Jose	10	13	2	2	24	75	85
Phoenix	8	14	5	2	23	70	93

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Monday's games

Columbus 3, Phoenix 3, tie
Calgary 2, Vancouver 1

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	15	6	.714	—
Boston	14	6	.700	½
New Jersey	14	7	.667	1
Orlando	12	10	.545	3½
Washington	9	11	.450	5½
New York	5	13	.278	8½
Miami	5	15	.250	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	15	5	.750	—
New Orleans	15	7	.682	1
Detroit	12	7	.632	2½
Atlanta	10	10	.500	5
Milwaukee	9	11	.450	6
Toronto	7	13	.350	8
Chicago	5	15	.250	10
Cleveland	3	19	.136	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	18	2	.900	—
Houston	11	8	.579	6½
San Antonio	12	9	.571	6½
Utah	12	9	.571	6½
Minnesota	12	10	.545	7
Denver	6	15	.286	12½
Memphis	3	18	.143	15½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	18	5	.783	—
Seattle	11	9	.550	5½
Phoenix	10	10	.500	6½
Portland	9	9	.500	6½
L.A. Clippers	9	12	.429	8
L.A. Lakers	9	13	.409	8½
Golden State	7	13	.350	9½

Monday's games

Boston 114, Orlando 109, OT
Milwaukee 140, Cleveland 133, 2OT
New Jersey 106, Phoenix 93
L.A. Clippers 94, New Orleans 90
Minnesota 92, Denver 84

Men's basketball
Top 25 Fared

Monday

1. Arizona (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Texas, Sunday.
2. Alabama (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Bowling Green, Saturday.
3. Duke (5-0) did not play. Next: at North Carolina A&T, Tuesday.
4. Pittsburgh (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Southeastern Louisiana, Saturday.
5. Oregon (5-0) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.
6. Oklahoma (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Coppin State, Saturday.
7. Indiana (7-0) beat Vanderbilt 73-56. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.
8. Texas (5-1) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Arizona, Sunday.
9. Connecticut (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Massachusetts, Tuesday.
10. Notre Dame (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul, Saturday.
11. Missouri (5-0) beat Wisconsin-Green Bay 88-67. Next: vs. Memphis, Saturday.
12. Kentucky (4-1) did not play. Next: at Tulane, Tuesday.
13. Xavier (5-1) beat Miami (Ohio) 68-58. Next: vs. Ball State, Friday.
14. Florida (6-2) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Maryland, Saturday.
15. Illinois (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Eastern Illinois, Tuesday.
16. Marquette (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Saturday.
17. Tulsa (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Kansas, Wednesday.
18. Maryland (4-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Florida, Saturday.
19. Stanford (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. St. Mary's, Cal., Saturday.
20. Kansas (3-3) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Tulsa, Wednesday.
21. Michigan State (4-2) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Kentucky, Saturday.
22. North Carolina (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Vermont, Thursday, Dec. 19.
23. Creighton (6-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee Tech, Saturday.
24. Mississippi State (5-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Xavier, Saturday.
25. College of Charleston (6-0) did not play. Next: at Central Florida, Thursday.

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